

## SOCIETY

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Teakytown, Md., when Miss Pauline Wehrle will be married to Allen R. McFadden. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. George C. Bratenahl, pastor of the church, and will be attended only by the relatives of both families.

Miss Wehrle will have as her maid of honor Miss Mabel Fitch, and Noble McFadden, of Memphis, Tenn., will be the best man for his brother.

## Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Buck, of California, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Katherine, to Capt. James T. Bootes, U. S. M. C. Captain Bootes is attached to the Asiatic fleet, and it is probable the wedding will take place within the next few weeks either in Chefoo or Shanghai.

Mrs. Vivian Brent has announced the engagement of her niece, Miss Josephine Brent Merrick, to Hewitt L. Wells, of Detroit, Mich.

The wedding was to have taken place late in the fall, but owing to the sudden death of Judge Vivian Brent, an earlier date has been chosen, and the marriage will occur July 19, and will be attended by only a few members of the family.

Miss Merrick is the daughter of Judge George Merrick, of Maryland, and granddaughter of the late Senator Merrick.

Mr. Wells is the son of Col. D. T. Wells, late of the United States army.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Blanche Edna Kendig to Robert A. Totten, to take place Wednesday, July 25. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kendig, 529 Seventh street northeast, and will be followed by a reception at 8 o'clock.

The engagement of Miss Mary Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clement W. Howard, of Washington, to Ensign Charles Earle Smith, U. S. N., is announced.

Another engagement of interest to navy circles is that of Miss Anita Burwell, daughter of Rear Admiral William T. Burwell, U. S. N., and Mrs. Burwell, to Lieut. Edgar B. Larimer, U. S. N. The wedding will take place some time in July at the Bremerton Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Wash.

Dr. and Mrs. Erasmus Darwin Leavitt, of Butte, Mont., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Frances Leavitt, to Lieut. Charles C. Allen, of the Thirtieth Infantry, now stationed at Omaha, Neb. The wedding will be a full military event, and will take place in the fall.

## Newport Gossip.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 14.—Newport has in the midst of its summer colony a host of little people who are destined to be the future society leaders at this summer capital of fashion, and these little boys and girls are the richest little people in this country. Carefully shielded from the hard knocks of the world, these little ones have nothing to worry about as their path in life will be strewn with luxury and ease.

Most of the boys and girls in the country have to begin to think early in life what they are going to do to provide them with a living, but the little ones here will not know the meaning of this, for there will be a parent in their lives who will do all the work for them. With not a wish but which could be gratified their lives will be nothing but a round of pleasure.

Rich or not, these children are the same as the poorer brothers and sisters and they enjoy playing the same games, such as "tag," "hide and seek," and many others, that the street urchins enjoy about the streets and alleys of any great city.

The richest among these little people is Master John Nicholas Brown, or Baby Brown, as he is generally called. He is the son of Mrs. John Nicholas Brown, and there is not another child in the country that has had such a palace built for his use as has Baby Brown. The beautiful summer home is now all but completed and will soon be ready to be occupied by Master Brown and his mother. He inherited all of his father's millions, and will in time inherit so much more that when he is in possession of it all he will have enough to purchase a principality.

On the fourth of July Baby Brown was having a little celebration of his own, with the assistance of his servants.

During the excitement which naturally went with the shooting off of fire crackers and the like, Baby Brown in some manner fell and fractured one of his arms and now he is lying guarded closer than ever, fearing that the loss of his little arm would not properly knit. He did not seem to mind the injury, for after it had been attended by his physician he again appeared on the lawn with his arm in a sling and again joined in the festivities.

There are other children here who attract as much attention as Baby Brown, and these will when they come into possession of all their wealth will be as rich as he. Among these are the three little girls of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Pierson, Jr., who are occupying the Stockton villa this season. They are Emily, Suzanne, and Betty, and are considered to be the prettiest little girls in the summer colony.

Among the boys are Master Leir Huhn, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Huhn, of Philadelphia; little Pen Jones, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones; Jack Dahlgren, son of Mr. Harry S. Lehr; and Vincent Astor, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, all of whom will have fabulous wealth when they grow up.

As each season comes around there always arises a controversy among the social hostesses as to the conflicting dates for their luncheons, dinners, and other entertainments. There is bound to be some conflict because there are not enough nights in the week for all to have a separate night on which to hold their festivities, but to eliminate this as far as possible the social leaders have held a sort of impromptu meeting and decided upon their nights. Mrs. Pembroke Jones has taken Friday for her entertaining day, Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish has claimed Saturday evenings and Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Lehr still stick to Sunday.

The week has been fairly lively one with a number of luncheons and dinners, but none of any note. The

## The Burgomasters, One of the Best Examples of Rembrandt's Group Paintings



weather has, of course, had something to do with the absence of any large affairs for the early part of the week was a series of rainy and foggy days, making the wearing of long white rubber coats with black velvet collars and cuffs quite the thing for the ladies. The latter part of the week cleared, but then it was too late to arrange for anything out of the ordinary in the way of entertaining. The rain and damp weather made the tennis courts at the casino unfit for use and the ladies and gentlemen were obliged to go without their favorite sport, which promises to be nothing less than a craze before the season ends.

At Jamestown the week has been marked by the arrival of John McClelland and his family of Washington, at the Gardner cottage and Mrs. A. Ordway and Miss Padelford, of the same city, at the Gardner House for the season.

## Bethany Beach, Del.

BETHANY BEACH, Del., July 14.—Bethany Beach, with its miles and miles of level beach line, is the home of a large number of Washington people this summer.

Representative and Mrs. Graham, of Pittsburg, were among the first cottagers to arrive, coming directly here from Washington, accompanied by their family and opening their cottage for the entire summer.

Immediately next door to them, and facing on the ocean front, is the cottage of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick D. Power, which they will occupy for one month, leaving here August 1.

The other next-door neighbors of Representative and Mrs. Graham are Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Drexler, of Pittsburg, who are entertaining for the summer Miss Susanne Moore, of Washington.

The Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Bagby have taken a cottage here for the season. Still another of Washington's ministers spending his vacation at Bethany Beach is the Rev. Mr. Stewart, who, with his wife and daughter, left Washington the first of last week to be absent for several weeks.

Daniel Lattimore has joined his family, at Bethany Beach. Their cottage is not far removed from that rented by Mr. and Mrs. Van Arsdale.

Edward C. A. Moyer, a Cornell post graduate and now a University of Pennsylvania man, who runs the "frat" house for his fellow students during the school term, has taken for the fourth season the Sussex Hotel, located on the ocean front, and with all the enthusiasm of a college-bred man runs his house for the delectation of a large number of guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie C. Adkins, with their family arrived here the last of the week and will spend the rest of the season at the Sussex. Mrs. S. V. Harris and children are here for an outing, and a large number of other Washington people will be the guests of this student host.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Clifford Mendenhall, of Morrisstown, Pa., who have been Mr. Mendenhall's guests have returned to their home. The Bethany Beach Club House is nightly the scene of impromptu dances, card parties and other forms of amusement.

## Capon Springs Full of Life

CAPON SPRINGS, W. Va., July 14.—Since the arrival of the excellent orchestra from Washington, under the able leadership of Prof. Donoh, the ballroom at Capon has been thrown open for the popular evening hops and the gay season may be now considered fairly inaugurated. In addition to the dancing the entire week has been filled with other pleasant events. On Monday morning a large bowling party was given by Miss Elsie Henry, of Morrisstown, N. J., at which the highest prizes were won by Miss Mildred Hodge, of Philadelphia, and Paul Mackale, of Washington. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Riebe, Mr. Richard Cook, W. A. Moore, the Misses Mackall, and Hugh Rowland, Washington; Miss Louise Robertson, Chicago; S. C. Clubb, St. Louis; Misses Elsie and Allison Miller, Baltimore, and the Misses Hodge, Philadelphia.

On Monday evening a beautifully arranged eight-handed euchre was given by Mrs. W. D. Wyville, of Washington, who, for several years past, has equalled been one of the most prominent



PORTRAIT OF REMBRANDT BY HIMSELF.

guests and charming hostesses of the season at Capon. The winners of the first and second prizes were Miss Powell, of Baltimore, and Mrs. G. Wythe Cook, of Washington. Among others present were Mrs. S. Bevan Miller, and Mrs. Edward M. Vickery, Baltimore; Mrs. George Bigelow, Philadelphia; Mrs. Frank A. Henry, Morrisstown; Mrs. J. W. Robertson, Chicago, and Joseph Garr, New Orleans.

On Tuesday evening one of the popular bass and waffle suppers at the Riverside house on Capon river, which are the fad of the season at Capon, was given by Frederick Kilder, an extensive rice planter of Wilmington, N. C. Those present were Mrs. C. F. Nelson, Capon; Mrs. Hermann Bolte, White Plains; Miss Burdick, New York; Miss Powell, Baltimore; Miss Mildred Hodge, Philadelphia, and G. W. Bastable, Virginia. On Wednesday evening a very handsome card party was given by Mrs. Frank A. Henry, of Morrisstown, N. J., formerly of Washington, which proved the most important event thus far of the season. The tables were placed in the large pavilion at the spring, the picturesque environment of overhanging cliffs and forest verdure giving an "a la fresco" air to the entertainment as charming as it was novel. Both bridge and euchre were played, the winners at the first being Mrs. J. W. Robertson, Chicago; Mrs. W. D. Wyville, Washington, and S. Bevan Miller, Baltimore. The euchre prizes were awarded to Mrs. G. Wythe Cook, Washington; Miss Mildred Hodge, Philadelphia, and Edward M. Vickery, Baltimore. Among others present were Capt. and Mrs. James A. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Riebe, Mrs. O'Connell, Mrs. E. F. Mackall, Miss Daisy Mackall, Paul Mackall, De G. Wythe Cook, and Mrs. Richard Cook, and W. A. Moore, all of Washington. John A. Lutz, of Washington, drove up to Capon during the week from Washington with a party of friends in a big auto touring car, remaining over for a visit of several days. One of the handsomest and best dressed women at Capon this season is Mrs. J. W. Robertson, of Chicago, formerly Miss Wyville, of Washington. Mrs. Robertson has with her her very attractive young daughter, Miss Louise Robertson.

Another Washington woman, who is being greatly admired here, both for her personal charm and taste in dressing, is Mrs. George F. Becker, who with Mr. Becker, is here for several weeks before going to Mexico, where they will be the special guests of the President. Capt. James A. Norris, U. S. N., and Mrs. Norris are also among the recent prominent arrivals at Capon for the season.

MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA, July 14.—Huntington Wilson, Third Assistant Secretary of State, of Washington, has joined Mr. Wilson at the New Magnolia for a short stay.

M. and Mme. de Strale and Miss Gladys Stewart, of Washington, are spending a few weeks at Magnolia. M. de Strale is secretary to the Swedish minister, who is spending the season at Beverley Farm.

Mrs. C. H. Ackert, of Washington, wife of the fourth vice president of the

Southern railroad, is at the Oceanide, Magnolia, for a few weeks. She will be joined shortly by Mr. Ackert.

Senator Beveridge of Indiana left the shore Wednesday after a week's stay at the Oceanide, Magnolia.

Mrs. James McMillan and daughter, Miss Amy McMillan, who have been entertaining continually since arriving at "Eaglehead," their picturesque home here, will sail from New York on the 18th of next month to spend the remainder of the summer in Europe. They will open their Washington house about November 1. William C. McMillan and family are expected on from Washington the 1st of August and will occupy "Eaglehead" during Mrs. McMillan's absence.

Mrs. H. Clay Stewart and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Henry C. Stewart, and the former daughter, Mrs. James M. Green, of Washington, are among this week's arrivals at the Hesperus, Magnolia.

Speaker Joe Cannon is expected on the North Shore shortly, and he will probably spend the whole summer here. Mr. Cannon arrived Wednesday and a guest of Mrs. J. L. Loose, of Chicago.

C. C. Long, of Washington, on Tuesday entertained at luncheon at the Oceanide, Magnolia, the Siamese minister, Phya Akhara.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Loftus, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Crawford, form a Washington party, stopping at the Hawthorne Inn, East Gloucester.

The Thomas Lockwoods, of Washington, were among the arrivals this week. They are occupying a cottage on Summer street, Manchester Cove.

A North Shore wedding which will be of interest to Washington people takes place at Magnolia the last of August, when Miss Emily Sargent, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sargent will be united in marriage to Baron Ludwig Knop, of Russia. Though Miss Sargent has elected to have a quiet wedding, the affair will be of much interest inasmuch as it will probably be attended by all the Russian and perhaps some of the other members of the Diplomatic Corps spending the summer at Magnolia and nearby resorts.

Guilio Cesare Montagna, charge d'affaires of the Italian legation, arrived at Manchester Thursday. He has taken a cottage in Windemere Park. In a few days he will be joined by Count Nani Mocenigo, the secretary, and by Cav. A. Ravallio, an attache.

LEESBURG, Va., July 14.—Mr. and Mrs. George Howard and their daughter, Miss Margaret Howard, of Washington, D. C., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hibbs at "Carlsheim," near here.

Miss Bessie Harper, of Washington, is the guest of Miss Nellie McIntosh, near town.

Mrs. William Dear, Dr. Richard Dear, Dr. Joseph D. Rogers, and S. E. Rogers, Jr., all of Washington, were week-

and guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Rogers, of Hamilton.

Miss Margaret Warner, of Washington, is the guest of Miss Margaret Fishburne, of this town.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Washburn, of Washington, have taken a cottage at Hamilton, this county, for the summer months. Mrs. Washburn was formerly Miss Blanche Nicholson, of Georgetown, D. C.

Dr. and Mrs. C. Shirley Carter, of Washington, are at Belle Grove Farm, near here for the summer.

The Thursday Morning Euchre Club was entertained this week by Mrs. William H. Martin, at her home on Market street. Those playing were Misses Belle McGill, Nancy Lee Janney, Mary Arthur Fendall, Rebecca Harrison, Alice Wire, Cora Lutz, Maria Washington Harrison, Virginia Bowie, Ellen Metzger, Gertrude Hoffman, Henrietta Harrison, Richard Wise, Violet Alexander, John A. Gibson, William A. Metzger, and William H. Martin.

The highest scores were made by Miss Maria Harrison and Mrs. John Gibson.

Dr. Johnson, well known in musical circles of Washington, D. C., took charge of the vested choir of St. James' Episcopal church on Sunday last.

Miss Mary Carr, of Washington, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. B. Norris, in Leesburg, has gone to Bluemont for the remainder of the summer.

Mrs. S. F. Baughman, of Berryville, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Mary Katharine, to John A. Lutz, of Washington. Both Miss Baughman and Mr. Lutz are well known in Loudoun county.

Miss Catherine Beaver is visiting relatives in Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Howard Scribner, of New York, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Anne Bentley.

Miss Mary Berkeley has returned from an extended visit to Alexandria and Markham, Va.

Miss Harriett Bowie, of Washington, is the guest of Mrs. R. B. Fishburne.

## Doings At Rockbridge Alum Springs

ROCKBRIDGE ALUM SPRINGS, Va., July 14.—On Tuesday evening the guests gathered in the parlor and enjoyed progressive euchre. Mrs. J. J. Leterman carried off the prize.

Among those who are former visitors are Misses Nancy Mayer, Frances Mayer, Claudia Mayer, Eugene N. Mayer, and C. Leonard Mayer, Norfolk, Va.

Notable among recent guests is J. Branch Cabell, Richmond, Va., an author of much distinction. Mrs. Alred T. Pope and her son, Pendleton Pope, of Louisville, Ky., are warmly received by their friends. Mrs. Pope has been a guest here for many years.

M. M. Stowers, of Montgomery, Ala., who is here for his health, left Tuesday morning for Richmond, accompanied by Dr. C. M. Baggarly, for consultation with an eminent physician of that city. They returned Thursday morning.

Mrs. L. B. Vaughan and Miss Birdye Vickers, of Winston-Salem, N. C., are also guests. They are accomplished musicians.

North Carolina guests recently arrived are Miss Elizabeth Test, Winston-Salem, and Mrs. C. G. Haywood, and Charles G. Haywood, Jr., Durham. Also Mrs. George W. Coan, Miss May Coan, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Rucher and Richmond Rucher, Winston-Salem.

Others registered as guests are A. B. Cunningham, Kerr's Creek, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Child and Miss Ruth F. Child, Columbus; O. Francis K. Frank, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Leterman, Mrs. J. Heck and son, and Felix Leterman, Charlottesville, Va.; Thomas Manaring, Goshen, Va.; Henry Miller, and H. F. North, Philadelphia, Pa.

Ordinary medicine droppers are pronounced dangerous by a German physician, who finds that the same liquid may yield three times as large a drop from one dropper as from another.

Dr. Lynn, of Pava, Ill., the oldest physician in that State, has just celebrated his one hundred and first birthday. More than 1,000 persons attended a reception given in his honor.

## ART AND ARTISTS

Theselection of July 15 by the government of Holland as the anniversary of the tercentennial of the birth of Rembrandt, is finding a suitable response in the efforts of the art department of the Library of Congress to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of this renowned artist, by inaugurating an extensive exhibition of reproductions of Rembrandt's work.

To make room for this exhibition, the mezzotints and engravings from the collections of Gardner G. Hubbard and T. Harrison Garrett, consisting of portraits of celebrated men, women, and children of sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries, have been removed from the exhibition cases of the west south curtain of the Library of Congress, and this space is now occupied by some 600 examples in engraving, mezzotint, and etching illustrative of the work of this master of his period. To the student of the work of Rembrandt this exhibition will be of untold importance. A feature of interest will be the exhibition of a large number of reproductions of his sketches and drawings which remained without completion in the form of either works on canvas or on the etcher's plate at the time of his death. By these drawings and sketches the student will be able to learn more of the method in which the mind of Rembrandt found expression in his preliminary work.

## Was Son of Miller.

The recognition of the anniversary of the birth of Rembrandt by Holland cannot fail to awaken a new interest in the painter who at one time knew the highest measure of praise of his countrymen, and who in his later years felt the odium of a change in the popular mind. The son of a miller, born in 1666 amid humble surroundings, this painter seems to be an example of genius which cannot be attributed to heredity. In his school days he was dull and uninteresting, except that he preferred to draw caricatures of the school master instead of attending to the routine tasks of the school room. The master protested, and complained of his dullness to the boy's father to whom he exhibited some of the drawings of the boy as evidence of the utter worthlessness of his pupil. The father, easy going in his way, and probably remembering that he had been a boy himself, considered the sketches in a dignified way, and volunteered the opinion that they bore a wonderful resemblance to the late teacher.

The question of a future calling for this idle boy was wisely settled by Rembrandt's mother, who believed in following the line of the least resistance. She managed to secure for the boy an opportunity to study with Jacob van Swanenburch, a painter of one of the aristocratic families of Leyden, who seems to have had little to commend him.

After the conclusion of his art studies Rembrandt turned to the old mill where he was born, and in this ancient structure with its small high windows he opened his modest studio.

In this barren room Rembrandt developed a new chapter in the history of art. From his hand issued a new lesson upon the relations of light and shade in portraiture, a lesson which his portraits of nobles and kings have borne witness to follow, but in which all have willingly acknowledged Rembrandt to have been the master.

## His Wonderful Portraits.

In his portraiture Rembrandt exhibited a wonderful versatility. In some of his portraits of nobles there is seen a keen knowledge of human nature. In his portraits of his mother there is expressed a world of tenderness and devotion that recorded his appreciation of her sacrifice and the depths of her love.

In his portraits of his wife, Saskia, there is shown a love that multiplied all her charms and combined in her all of the attractions known to womanhood. A deep poetic sentiment pervaded all his work. To him the human face was a limitless mystery in which each new expression was an index of the hidden character of the individual.

At the age of sixty-three, with a credit of some 1,600 paintings, etchings, and drawings, which have enriched the art world, Rembrandt died. Popular opinion, always fickle, and decided that his work had but little merit. In his last years he knew the bitter sting of poverty and of hatred. In the centuries which have passed his shortcomings have been forgotten. His genius was greater than his errors. His work has enhanced in value to the extent that from \$5,000 to \$100,000 is gladly paid for a single picture, and some are so highly valued that they are not for sale at any price.

## Morse Studio for Sale.

The news that the studio of Edward Lind Morse has been offered for sale through a well-known G street real estate agent has created considerable comment among the artists of this city. No one seemed authorized to state that the owner had decided to sell the house at 233 R street, is to be taken as an intention on the part of Mr. Morse to abandon Washington as his place of residence.

Mr. Morse's studio has been a common meeting place for those interested in art matters. Local painters have been given the use of the studio for exhibition sales, and the local art societies have often met there for their business sessions. The well-known hospitality of Mr. Morse has been extended to all interested in art and music, and the passing of the studio into other hands and the removal of Mr. Morse from this city would be deeply regretted by his many friends, who appreciate his warm interest in all matters connected with the artistic and social life of the National Capital.

## Personal Notes.

Miss Frances Benjamin Johnston, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. A. D. Johnston, will sail by the American line on August 21 for England. She will remain abroad until October. Miss Johnston has a list of important commissions from American publishers for portraits by photography of prominent American artists now residing abroad. During her absence she will visit the exhibitions of the Linked Ring and the Royal Photographic Society, the two most important photographic exhibitions held in England during the year.

Robert Coleman Child has just returned from his vacation at Ashfield, Mass., where his family will remain during the remainder of the season. While this locality abounds in material for the work of the painter, Mr. Child was unable on account of the illness of one

of the members of his family to devote much time to his art work.

The remodeling of 1321 and 1323 G street for the new home of the C. M. Bell, photographic studio, preparatory to the removal from 625 Pennsylvania avenue, is now in progress. In the removal of the studio, it will be necessary to discard the negatives made prior to 1890, except those of individuals of national importance.

William Fuller Curtis, with his family, is now located at Proust's Neck, Me. This locality has always been considered one of especial interest to painters and is quite near to Scarborough, where Winslow Homer has painted so many of his famous pictures of marine life.

L. Amateis will remain in the city during the entire season, in order to complete the orders for work already in various stages of progress. His model for the bronze doors for the main entrance of the west front of the Capitol, designed to illustrate the intellectual and industrial progress of the United States has gained the approval of the jury of sculptors and architects selected to pass upon the merit of this work. It is hoped that the final casting in bronze can be made early in the winter.

Mr. Amateis is also working on two commissions received from Texas. One entitled "The Genius of the Confederacy" to be erected in Houston, has reached the period of the completed sketch, from which the model in heroic size will be made. The other is to be a Confederate monument for a soldier's monument in Galveston. Other orders, such as a monument for Corsicans, Tex., and two portrait busts, to be executed in marble, are now awaiting his attention.

R. Le Grand Johnston has closed his city studio, and is now with his family spending a pleasant vacation on his farm near Beltsville, Md.

Mrs. Lillian Cook Dougherty, instructor of art in the public schools, and at one time one of the instructors of Corcoran Art School, is spending the summer at Kensington, Md.

J. B. Morrey, the G street art dealer, is making extensive improvements in his place of business. There will be an addition to his present quarters of over 4,000 feet of floor space, and a new exhibition room will also be added.

James Henry Moser is now enjoying a short vacation at Niagara Falls. Mr. Moser will soon join his family at Cornwall, Conn. This section has been the scene of former vacations, and there is much material for sketches in the locality.

## SCRAPS.

Mayor McClellan, of New York, has taken to the old style quill pen in signing public documents.

The private secretary of the Empress of Japan is a Christian woman and a member of the Congregational church.

Special bins are to be placed in the Paris suburbs for the reception of the dead bodies of cats and dogs, which have hitherto been thrown on rubbish heaps.

Consul Milner reports that 80 per cent of the laces manufactured in Calais, France, are exported to the United States, the value of which averages \$6,000,000 annually.

Four thousand workmen are employed in the manufacture of straw braids and hats at Florence, Italy, writes Consul Quay, and 80,000 women and children devote their spare time to braiding and plaiting.

When a small blunder in among the bees they cannot kill him on account of the protection of his shell. So they eat him alive. They cover him, shell and all with snowy wax. He is a prisoner whom only death releases.

Lord comes from Servia that ex-Queen Natalie will present all her property, amounting to \$15,000,000 to the government in erection of a cathedral provided that her murdered son, King Alexander, and her husband, King Milan, are buried in it.

Mrs. Polly Nathan, who keeps a fried-fish shop in a poor quarter of London, is the aunt of a South African millionaire. She has offered her large money inducement to sell out and retire, but Polly prefers to be independent and refuses to leave England's home production of food supplies.

Consul Brittain, of Kehl, explains the new law of the German Empire of congested business streets of the larger German cities. Metal tanks are inserted at intervals along the level of the street, and covered with iron lids. Into these the offal is easily swept. In the night the tanks are hauled to the dumping grounds.

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